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I returned on Wednesday last from my expedition in behalf of Home Miss-; have spent most of my time in Litchfield Co.; have seen 50 or 60 of the pastors in the State, & induced most of them to present the cause to their peo-, & have myself preached & taken up subscriptions in more than a dozen congregations. I spent one night with your classmate James Smith of Glastenbury. He is getting to be a great man; fat enough for comfort I assure you. He has 4 bright children, whom he has to see to often. His wife seems to be a fine woman, but is feeble, in health. I had a very pleasant, tho' fatiguing time. Were it not for the unwillingness of my peo- to accept a supply of my desk, I would be wil- to make another similar excursion of a few weeks. But as they feel on the subject, I shall do no more for the cause at present, except by way of exchange, in this & neighboring counties. But for my services in this cause, I should have been at the Boston anniversaries. I wished to meet you & other old acquaintances, much. ~~As~~ As to the loan of a few hundred dolls. to you, as you suggested; I think I can raise for you 400 dolls. A member of my church, a slack man, owes me 150. & I should like an apology for getting it out of his hands. & I think Edward can raise

100. I saw your good mother, & told her I thought I could not raise 500 without borrowing some. She said 400 would probably answer the purpose; as the 100 to a Mr *Miller*, I think; she said could remain as it is, or perhaps be paid ere long. Now *if* the 400 will answer your purpose & your *wish* it on your proposed conditions; just *send* me *word* *soon*. I am to leave here on *friday* of this week as delegate to our *Genl Asso^{n}* at *N. Haven*, & expect to be absent 10 days. And when I come back, I will endeavor to raise the money, if you *wish* it. If you design to come this way & take it, just *give* me *time* to raise it after I come back, say 2 or 3 weeks at least, & let me know *when* to expect you. I hope you will come this way to Farmington. The Stage will take you from here to Hartford on Monday Wednes^{y} or friday, in about 7 hours (40 miles); from 11 o'clock A.M. Come & spend *some* *time* *with* *me*; *one* *night* at least. The Worcester & Norwich rail road comes within 3 miles of me. Leave, so as to take the *accommoda^{n}* *train* from Worcester & you may leave your trunk for the Stage, & put i over to my village 3 miles, at about 6 o'clock P.M. If you take the Stea boat train, you must be carried on to the next depot & be left *5* miles from me, an hour or 2 later.

Yours paternally G. J. Tillotson